

A one month Action research on Public Distribution System (PDS), Tamenglong District, Manipur

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1. Introduction

A one month action research on Public Distribution System (PDS) of Tamenglong District, Manipur has been carried out as part of the Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) research program. The purpose of the study is to understand the functioning of the PDS in Tamenglong District. The survey started on 10th April 2010 and ended on 5th May 2010. In the survey five PDS outlets from Tamenglong headquarter/block, one from Tamei block, two from Tousem block and twelve from Nungba (PEARL Project area) block were visited and data were collected from the agents, village authorities and cardholders. On 4th May 2010, Focus Group Discussion (FGD) conducted at Village authority office Nungba village. During the survey five case studies were developed.

2. Terms and condition of FPS/SK-oil sub dealer

1. The FPS rationing agents and SK-Oil sub dealers should collect indent/permit from the officer/official concerned and lift his/her monthly quota for distribution to the public in time.
2. The FPS rationing agents/SK-Oil sub dealers should maintain receipt issue and stock register properly to be produced to the officers/officials before issuing indent /permit for the next month quota.
3. If the FPS rationing agents/SK-oil sub dealers fail to lift his/her monthly entitlement in the time the quota will be diverted to the other agent or undertaken by District administration for the mobile operation.
4. Any black marketing pilferage shall be dealt with under the black marketing and maintenance of essential commodity (Special provision Act 1981).
5. All agents should display Signboard and price list of the commodity properly at their FPS centre.
6. All agents should invariably during retailing, enter list of the commodity, quantity, date and initial in APL/BPL/AAY Cards as the case may be, only ration card holders should be issued PDS Items.
7. Out of the monthly allocation of SK-Oil made for this District by the Government from time to time M/S KD.Agency, Tamenglong, M/S Nk agency Nungba and M/S I.B Agency Jiribam shall reserve 5,000(Five thousand) litres each per month as Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong as reserved quota for distribution to the public, NGOs, Churches, Para military forces, rented Students and other organizations etc on permit system.
8. (1) All SK.Oil sub dealers appointed under serial No.1 to 40 & 46 in respect of Tamenglong block, all sub dealers of Tamei block including all sub- dealers Except serial No.67 to 74 of Tousem block and all sub-dealer of Nungba block and serial No.67 & 74 of Tousem block including serial No.41 to 45 and 47 to 53 of Tamenglong block and serial No.74 of Tousem shall be covered by M/S KD.Agency, Tamenglong, M/S NK.Agency Nungba and M/S I.B Agency Jiribam respectively.

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3. Process of distribution system at District level

3.1. Allocation of commodities and card in different categories in 2009-2010

Category	Nos. of card holders	No. of rice quintals allotted per month	No. of rice quintals allotted per year
AAY	2719	952.4	11428.8
BPL	4395	1493.1	17917.2
APL	8012	749.46	8993.52
Total	15126	3194.96	38339.52

3.2 Selection process of agents and beneficiaries

Categories	Mode of selection according to DC office information	Practical process of selection
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lambu visited at the area/village and identify the beneficiaries in different categories. Recommendation by the village authority chairman, the beneficiaries list prepared by Lambu was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner Tamenglong. Deputy Commissioner after checking the list submitted to the FCS Director Manipur for the finalized. 	Lambu and agents seat together at Tamenglong Headquarter and selected the beneficiaries without the knowledge of village authority.
Rationing/FPS Agents/Sk-oil sub-dealer	<p>A. Criteria for Selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial capacity certificate issued by SDO Character certificate from Police department Recommendation of the village authority chairman Two identical passport size photograph <p>B. FPS Selection committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee includes- Deputy Commissioner as Chairman, District Supply Officer, four Sub-Divisional officers, Additional Director FCS department Tamenglong and three MLAs Nominees. The committee conducted meeting at DC office and selected the agents. 	MLA and his Nominee approval persons were selected in the FPS selection committee meeting as FPS agents/Sk-oil sub-dealers.

3.3 Relationship and functions

Relationship	Role and functions
Rationing/FPS agents/Sk-oil dealers to MLA Nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three nominees appointed by MLAs from three Assembly constituencies,(i.e. one from Tamenglong A/C, one from Tamei A/C and another one from Nungba A/C) were involved in the selection of agents in their respective constituency. Nominees gave commission to the agents when commodities were not supply to them.
FCS department, Tamenglong to agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The indents have been issued by the Deputy Commissioner to the agents. The indent has submitted to the Inspector Nizam uddin by the Rationing/FPS agents and to the Dealer Kadimna Gangmei by the Sk-oil sub-dealers. FCS department inspect the arrival report of the indent and inform agents to collect commodities.
Agents to beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agent after collecting commodities from FCI godown Imphal or from Jiribam distributed to the beneficiaries. If the beneficiaries are not buying items, they sold to the businessman or to the church.

3.4 No. of Rationing/FPS agents/ Sk-oil sub dealers in the District from 2001 till date

Name of the block	No. FPS agent in the block	No. of Sk-oil sub dealer in the block	Total no. of agents in the block
Tamenglong Headquarter	6	49	55
Nungba	13	22	35
Tamei	17	12	29
Tousem	3	9	12
Total	39	92	131

3.5 FCS godown in the District

Name of the block	No. of Metrics ton allotted	Supply mode
Tamenglong Headquarter	500 metrics ton	monthly
Tousem	200 -do-	monthly
Tamei	200 -do-	-do-
Nungba	200 -do-	-do-
New kaiphundai	200 -do-	-do-

4. PDS outlet/Agents covered in the survey

Sl.NO	Name of the FPS/agent and address	Categories of agent	Name of the Centre	No. Cardholders	No. village covered	Date of visit
1	Zachariah of Tamenglong Ward No.II	BPL and APL agent	Tamenglong Headquarter	693	Tamenglong ward No I to X	14/04/2010
2	K.Daikham of Tamenglong Medical gate	AAY, BPL and APL agent	Akhui circle, Tamenglong	1500	Akhui circle	15/04/2010
3	Hukiandi pamei, of Tamenglong Ward No. III	AAY and BPL agent	Tharon circle, Tamenglong	800	Tharon circle	15/04/2010
4	P. John Awangkhum village	AAY and BPL agent	Awangkhum circle, Tamenglong	675	Awangkhum circle	15/04/2010
5	G.Gaichuilung of Kaiphundai village	AAY agent	Tamenglong Headquarter	1000	Tamenglong ward No I to X	16/04/2010
6	Ale of Tamei	AAY agent	Tamei block	1100	Tamei Sub-division	20/04/2010
7	Isaac of Mandeu village	BPL agent	Tousem block	300	1.Phaklong 2.Ktangnam 3.Katiang 4.Mandeu 5.Deige 6.Pumram 7.Aben 8.Longchai 9. Rangkiulong	17/04/2010
8	Kariaklung of Thiulon village	AAY agent	Tousem block	1205	Whole Tousem Sub- division	19/04/2010
9	Lungbamrei of Nungba village	BPL agent	Nungba Headquarter	200	1.Mukti khullen 2.Nungba 3.Puiluan	24/04/2010

					4.Kekru Naga 5.Ruangdai	
10	Gaikhlanglung of Nungba village	AAY agent	Nungba	200	1. Nungba 2.Mukti khullen 3.Kekru Naga 4.Puiluan 5.Muktina 6.Ruangdai 7.Bwanruang 8.Okoklong 9. Thingou villages.	24/04/2010
11	G. Athuan of Ruangdai village	APL agent	Nungba block	1345	Whole Nungba sub-division	24/04/2010
12	Thuan Gangmei	BPL agent	Rengpang circle	120	1.Rengpang village 2.Mongjaron Khunou 3.Khongsang 4.Okoklong 5.Thingou 6.Bwanruang villages	25/04/2010
13	G. Donthaongam of Nungba	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Nungba circle	426	1.Nungba I to III 2.Tipatlong 3.Kekru Naga	25/04/2010
14	Jaorianthai of kambiron	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Kambiron village	121	Kambiron village	24/04/2010
15	Samson of Bwanruang village	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Bwanruang village	138	Bwanruang village	22/04/2010
16	G. Muning of Ruangdai village	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Ruangdai village	125	Ruangdai village	26/04/2010
17	Guangturei of Nungba village	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Nungba	408	1. Nungba H/Q 2.Kekru Naga 3.Tipatlong	e28/04/2010
18	Ningreilung of Mukti khullen village	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Mukti khullen circle	182	1.Mukti khullen 2.Muktina 3.Sempat	27/04/2010
19	Thuanreiliu of Rengpang village	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Rengpang circle	230	Rengpang village	30/04/2010
20	Dinthuiyang of Khongsang village	Sk-oil sub-dealer	Khongsang village	129	Khongsang village	02/05/2010

5. Practical Process of distribution system at the FPS level

5.1 Difference of commodities, price, quality and quantity

Sl. NO	Name of the outlet/FPS agent/SK-Oil sub-dealer.	Commodities received and quality(finding from agent)	Indent deposit price(finding from FCS deptt)	Selling price to the beneficiaries (finding from agent)	Beneficiaries purchase price (finding from beneficiaries)	Quantity distributed to the beneficiaries (finding from agent)	Quantity received by the beneficiaries (finding from cardholder)
1	Zachariah BPL/APL agent	1.Rice/medium (Super fine) 2.Sugar	1.BPL-Rs.6.25.00 per kg of rice 2.Sugar	BPL-Rs.13 per kg of rice APL-Nil	BPL- Rs.13 per kg of rice APL- Nil	20 kg of rice per card per month to all categories	20 kg of rice per card per month for AAY,APL and BPL

			Rs.14 per kg				
2	K.Daikham AAY, BPL and APL agent	Rice only/medium	1.AAY-Rs. 3.70.00 per kg of rice 2.BPL- Rs.6.25.00 per kg of rice 3.APL-Rs. 6.25.00 per kg of rice	1.AAY- Rs.7.00 per kg 2.BPL- Rs. 13 per kg 3.APL -Rs. 13 per kg	1.AAY-Rs.13 per kg of rice 2.BPL-Rs.13 per kg of rice 3.APL-Rs.13 per kg of rice	20 kg of rice per card per month to all categories.	20 kg of rice per card per month for AAY,APL and BPL
3	Hukiandi pamei, AAY and BPL agent	1. Rice/medium 2. Sugar	1.AAY- Rs.3.70 per kg of rice 2.BPL- Rs.6.25 per kg of rice 3.APL- Rs. 6.25 per kg of rice	1.AAY- Rs. 7.00 per kg 2.BPL – Rs. 13 per kg 3.APL – Rs. 14 per kg 4. Sugar U.G %	1.AAY- Rs. 14 per kg of rice 2.BPL-Rs.14 per kg of rice 3.APL-Rs.14 per kg of rice 4.Sugar- Nil	1.AAY- 15 kg of Rice per cardholder 2.BPL – 20 kg per cardholder 3.APL- 20 kg per cardholder	15 kg of rice per card per month for AAY,APL and BPL
4	P. John AAY and BPL agent	1. Rice only/medium	1.AAY- Rs.3.70 per kg of rice 2.BPL- Rs.6.25 per kg of rice	1. AAY –Rs. 7.00 per kg 2. BPL - Rs. 13 per kg	1.AAY- Rs. 14 per kg of rice 2.BPL-Rs.14 per kg of rice	20 kg of rice per cardholder per month	Not receive even one kg in all categories in 2009
5	G.Gaichuilung AAY agent	Rice only/medium	AAY- Rs.3.70 per kg of rice	AAY- Rs. 7.00 per kg	AAY-Rs.13 per kg of rice	10 kg per month per cardholder	10 kg per month per cardholder
6	Ale of Tamei AAY and BPL agent	1. Rice/medium 2. Sugar	1.AAY- Rs.3.70 per kg of rice	AAY- Rs. 8.00 per kg	BPL-Rs.15 per kg of rice	15 kg per month per cardholder	5 times, 10 kg per house in 2009 was distributed.
7	Isaac of Mandeu BPL agent	Rice only	BPL- Rs.6.25 per kg of rice	1.BPL-Rs.15 per kg of rice	BPL-Rs.17.00 per kg of rice	15 bag per village(Not in card system)	Except relief rice PDS rice is not distributed.
8	Kariaklung AAY agent	1. Rice/medium 2. Sugar	1.AAY- Rs.3.70 per kg of rice	1.AAY- Rs.7.00 per kg of rice 2.Sugar is not distributed to the beneficiaries	AAY-Rs.13 per kg of rice	30 kg per month per cardholder	Except relief rice PDS rice is not distributed.
9	Lungbamrei BPL and APL agent	Rice only/medium	BPL- Rs.6.25 per kg of rice	BPL-Rs.7.50 per kg of rice	BPL-Rs.15.00 per kg of rice	20 kg of rice per cardholder per month	2 packages(25 kg per package) of rice per house in 2009 distributed
10	Gaikhlanglung AAY agent	Rice only/medium	1.AAY- Rs.3.70 per kg of rice	AAY- Rs. 11.00 per kg of rice	AAY-Rs.15 per kg of rice	2 packages of rice (25 kg per package) per house in every two months after.	Only 2 packages of rice received in 2009.

11	G. Athuan BPL and APL agent	Rice only/medium	1.BPL- Rs.6.50 per kg of rice 2.APL- Rs.6.50 per kg of rice	1.BPL-Rs.15 per kg of rice 2.APL- Nil	BPL-Rs.15 per kg of rice	20 kg of rice per house per month	Only 2 packages of rice received in 2009.
12	Thuan Gangmei BPL agent	Rice only/medium	.BPL- Rs.6.50 per kg of rice	.BPL-Rs.15 per kg of rice	BPL-Rs.15 per kg of rice	20 kg of rice per house per month	Only 3 packages of rice received in 2009.
13	G.Donthaonga m Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.12.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.20 per litre	Rs.20 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
14	Jaojianthai Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.13.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.17.00 per litre	Rs.17.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
15	Samson Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.12.30 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.17.00 per litre	Rs.18.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
16	G. Muning Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue colour	Rs.13.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.18.00 per litre	Rs.18.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
17	Guangturei Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.13.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.18.00 per litre	Rs.18.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
18	Ningreilung Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.11.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.17.00 per litre	Rs.20.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
19	Thuanreiliu Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.13.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.20.00 per litre	Rs.20.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month
20	Dinhuiyang Sk-oil sub- dealer	Sk-oil/blue color	Rs.12.00 per litre in deposit to the dealer	Rs.17.00 per litre	Rs.18.00 per litre	4 litres per house per month	4 litres per house per month

5.2 Flow of the Distribution system

Sl.NO	Name of the outlet	Quantity received by the agent from indent(FCS deptt) per month	Allotted quantity to the agent per month	Quantity received by the cardholder from the FPS agent/Sk-oil sub-dealer per month	System of FPS
1	Zachariah BPL/APL agent	1. BPL- 160 quintals of rice 2.APL- Nil 3. Received every month.	1.BPL-170 full quintals of rice 2. APL- Nil	1. BPL- 20 kg of rice 2. APL- Nil. Received only for 9 months in 2009.	1.Name plate of the FPS 2. Stock register 3. Open FPS two days in a month.
2	K.Daikham AAY, BPL and APL agent	1. BPL, AAY and APL- 160 quintals of rice 2. Received for 10 months in 2009.	1.AAY- 70.70 full quintals of rice 2.BPL- 91 quintals of rice 3.APL- Nil	1. BPL- 20 kg of rice 2. AAY- 15 kg of rice 3. APL- irregular in distribution 4. Received AAY and BPL only for 9 months in 2009.	1. Stock register 2. Open FPS till the commodities remained.

3	Hukiandi pamei, AAY and BPL agent	AAY and BPL-130 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	1.AAY- 62.65 full quintals of rice 2.BPL- 80 quintals of rice	1. AAY and BPL -20 kg of rice 2. Received only for 10 months in 2009.	1.Name plate of the FPS 2.Stock register 3. Open FPS four days in a month.
4	P. John AAY and BPL agent	1. AAY-40 quintals of rice 2. BPL-80 quintals of rice 3. Received every month.	1.AAY- 40.95 full quintals of rice 2.BPL-84 quintals of rice	1. AAY and BPL -20 kg of rice 2. Received only for 7 months in 2009	1.Stock register 2.No FPS
5	G.Gaichuilung AAY agent	1. AAY-104 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	AAY- 104.65 full quintals of rice	1.AAY - 10 kg of rice 2. Received only for 4 months in 2009.	1.Name plate of the FPS 2.Stock register 3. Open FPS two days in a month.
6	Ale of Tamei AAY agent	1. AAY- 160 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	AAY- 176 full quintals of rice	1. AAY- 20 kg of rice 2. Received only for 5 months in 2009.	1.Stock register 2. No FPS
7	Isaac of Mandeu BPL agent	1. BPL - 60 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	BPL- 77 full quintals of rice	1. BPL - 20 kg of rice 2. Not Received in 2009.	1.Stock register 2.No FPS
8	Kariaklung AAY agent	1.AAY- 140 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	AAY- 205 full quintals of rice per month	1. AAY - 20 kg of rice 2.Not Received in 2009	1.Stock register 2. FPS at Tamenglong Headquarter, not in the Tousem block
9	Lungbamrei BPL and APL agent	1. BPL- 51 quintals of rice 2. APL- Nil 3. Received only 8 months in 2009.	1.BPL- 55 full quintals of rice per month	1. BPL- 2 package of rice 2. APL-Nil. 3. Received only for 2 times in 2009.	1.Stock register 2. No FPS
10	Gaikhlanglung AAY agent	1. AAY- 40 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	1.AAY- 83 full quintals of rice per month	1. BPL- 2 package of rice 2. APL-Nil. 3. Received only 1 time in 2009.	1.Stock register 2.No FPS
11	G. Athuan BPL and APL agent	1. BPL- 28 quintals of rice 2. APL-100 quintals of rice 3. Received every month.	1.BPL- 30 full quintals of rice per month 2.APL- 100 full quintals of rice per month	1. BPL- 2 packages of rice 2. APL-Nil. 3. Received only 2 times in 2009.	1.Stock register 2.No FPS
12	Thuan Gangmei BPL agent	1. BPL- 160 quintals of rice 2. Received every month.	1.BPL- 34 full quintals of rice allotted per month	1. BPL- 3 package of rice 2. Received only 3 times in 2009.	1.Stock register 2.No FPS
13	G.Donthaongam Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.1704 litres of Sk-oil 2. Received only 6 or 7 times in a year.	1704 litres of Sk-oil	1.4 litre of Sk-oil per house 2. Received only for 7 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register
14	Jaojianthai Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.480 litres of SK-oil 2. Received only 5 or 6 times in a year.	968 litres of Sk-oil	1.4 litre of Sk -oil per house 2. Received only for 3 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register
15	Samson Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.440 litres of SK- oil 2. Received only up to August in the year 2009.	448 litres of Sk-oil	1.4 litre of Sk -oil per house 2. Received only for 4 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register
16	G. Muning	1.460 litres of SK- oil	460 litres of Sk-oil	1.4 litre of Sk -oil per house	1.No SK – oil store

	Sk-oil sub-dealer	2. Received every month	allotted.	2. Received only for 9 months in 2009	house of the agent 2. Stock register
17	Guangturei Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.800 litres of SK –oil 2.Received not more than four times in a year	1632 litres of Sk-oil allotted.	4 litre of Sk -oil per house 2. Received only for 2 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register
18	Ningreilung Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.400 litres of SK- oil 2. Received 5 times only till March 2010	740 litres of Sk-oil allotted.	1.4 litre of Sk -oil per house 2. Received only for 4 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register
19	Thuanreiliu Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.500 litres of SK-oil 2.Received 5/6 times Up to January 2010	920 litres of Sk-oil allotted.	1.4 litre of Sk -oil per house 2. Received only for 6 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register
20	Dinthuiyang Sk-oil sub-dealer	1.506 litres of SK-oil 2.Received up to January 2010	516 litres of Sk-oil allotted.	1.4 litre of Sk -oil per house 2. Received only for 7 months in 2009	1.No SK – oil store house of the agent 2. Stock register

5.3 Process of FPS owner receiving ration, assessment of demand supply situation and efficacy of service delivery mechanism

Sl.NO	Outlet category in block wise	How FPS owner receiving ration/commodities	Efficacy of service delivery mechanism	Assessment of demand supply situation
1	Rationing/FPS agents of Tamenglong Headquarter block	1.Indent/permit collected from Deputy commissioner and deposit to Inspector Nizam uddin 2. Lifted the commodities from FCI godown Imphal. 3. Lifted the commodities at Jiribam FCI godown through RO from Director FCS Manipur.	1. No quality maintained. It is not according to parameter 2. Goods are not available in the FPS as cardholders coming to buy every month. 3. Advertise in the newspapers to the beneficiaries to collect the commodities. 4. Delivered the goods in card wise. 5. Delivered commodities in the FPS through serial wise.	1. With the increase of cardholder, demand for quantity also increase. But the indent/permit allotted is based on the year 1997 population. 2. Cardholder demand for issuing quantity and quality according to parameters.
2	Rationing/FPS agents of Tousem block	1.Indent/permit collected from Deputy commissioner and deposit to Inspector Nizam uddin 2.Lifted the commodities from FCI godown Imphal/Jiribam 3. Lifted the commodities at Jiribam FCI godown through RO from Director FCS Manipur.	1. No quality and quantity maintained. It is not according to parameter 2. Goods are delivered at Tamenglong Headquarter and Jiribam, not in the block area. 3. If goods are delivered in the block area then to the village authority as there is no card handle by the cardholder.	No demand supply situation in this block under any agent till date.
3	Rationing/FPS agents of Tamei block	1.Indent/permit collected from Deputy commissioner and deposit to Inspector Nizam uddin 2.Lifted the commodities from FCI godown Imphal/Jiribam 3. Lifted the commodities at Jiribam FCI godown through RO from Director FCS Manipur.	1. No quality and quantity maintained. It is not according to parameter 2. Goods are not available in the FPS as cardholders coming to buy every month. 3. Advertise in the newspapers to the beneficiaries to collect the commodities.	Cardholder demand for issuing quantity and quality according to parameters.
4	Rationing/FPS agents of Nungba block	1.Indent/permit collected from Deputy commissioner and deposit to Inspector Nizam uddin 2.Lifted the commodities from FCI godown Imphal/Jiribam	1. No quality and quantity maintained. It is not according to parameter 2. Goods are distributed in the house wise and even to the	1. With the increase of cardholder, demand for quantity also increase. But the indent/permit allotted is based from

		3. Lifted the commodities at Jiribam FCI godown through RO from Director FCS Manipur.	non local who are enough money to buy. 3. Goods are delivered to the beneficiaries in the half bag system, not in the kg system. 4. There is none agent running FPS in the Nungba block. So, agents distributed goods in the open market(Nungba bazaar)	1997 population. 2. Cardholder demand for issuing quantity and quality according to parameters.
5	Sk-oil sub-dealer of Nungba block	1. Indent/permit collected from deputy commissioner and deposited to the dealer Kadimna Gangmei 2. Lifted the commodities from Nungba Bazar.	1.Quantity distributed is not according to the parameter 2. Dealer supply the commodities up to Nungba bazaar and distributed to the beneficiaries in the Nungba Headquarter Sk-oil store room 3. Distributed the commodities in house wise system as card is not renewing year by year.	1. With the increase of cardholder, demand for quantity also increase. But the indent/permit allotted is based from 1997 population. 2. Cardholder demand for issuing quantity and quality according to parameters.

6. Involvement in the public Distribution System (PDS)

Sl.NO	Category	Involvements	Process/Description of their involvement
1	Agents	Fixing the price	As there is percentage deduction by Underground and no reimbursement of transport charge by the concerned department, they fixed the rate. The Hill underground were deduct 26 % every month from the particular agent indent and transport charge Rs.9000 from Jiribam to Tamenglong and Rs. 6000 from Imphal to Tamenglong were not refund by the concerned Department. So, they (agents) said that due to these problems they also involve in fixing the price of commodities.
2.	FCS Department, Tamenglong	Fixing the price	As for margin money they the FCS department also involve in fixing the price of commodities.
3.	Village authority	Fixing the price, selection of beneficiaries and agent.	1. The village authority involve in fixing the price as looking the difficulty face by the agents and for the convenience of the cardholders. 2. The village authority prepares the beneficiaries list with the Lambu and given recommendation in selection of agent in their particular area.
4	Civil society(ies)	Awareness, meeting and checking Black marketing pilferage of agents	The Civil society like Zeliangrong Student Union, Zeliangrong Women union, Rongmei Naga Baptist Churches Association(RNBA) were conducting PDS consultation meet, awareness campaign and checking black marketing pilferage of agents. In September 2009, AAY agent Kariaklung of Tousem block, selling one Tata trip of PDS goods to the non local businessmen at Tamenglong Headquarter was arrest by the Zeliangrong women Union.
5	NGOs	Awareness, workshop and meeting on PDS	NGOs like Don Bosco Social Welfare, Tamenglong (DBSW), United NGO Forum Tamenglong and Development Agency For Tribal People (DATP) were conducting awareness campaign, workshop and meeting with the beneficiaries, agents and even with the Naga underground groups.

7. Achievement, challenge and Suggestion of FPS agents/Sk-oil sub- dealer

Sl.NO	Name of the outlet/agents	Challenges	Suggestions/Achievement
1	Zachariah BPL/APL agent	<p>1. The rice quintal collected from FCI godown is not filled in full bag. In which more than 15 kg is less to be full bag. The quantity which supply to him (Zachariah) is not satisfied he said during the interview.</p> <p>2. The selection process is not correct. In which poor people holding APL card and government servant holding AAY and BPL card is the main problems to bring justice in PDS he mentioned.</p> <p>3. He pointed out the underground groups deduction 26 % is the main problem faced by the FCS department and agents.</p>	<p>1. He suggested bringing FCI godown in the Tamenglong Headquarter.</p> <p>2. He draw attention to the concerned department that Supplying full quantity according to indent/permit issue to the agents</p> <p>3. Regular supply of commodities is important.</p>
2	K.Daikham AAY, BPL and APL agent	<p>1. The no. of card was increase year by year but indent/permit (quantity) issue by the DC office was based from 1997 population. So the quantity could not distribute to the beneficiaries according to the parameter he said.</p> <p>2. The rice bag not filled in full is another problem he mentioned.</p>	<p>1. He suggested providing quantity of commodities according to the 2010 population.</p> <p>2. He also opens his desire to bring FCI godown in the Tamenglong Headquarter.</p>
3	Hukiandi pamei, AAY and BPL agent	<p>1. He pointed out that no re- imbursement of transport charge by the concerned department is the reason to involve in fixing price by the agents.</p> <p>2. He mentioned that according to 1997 population, indent/permit was issue to the agents but new beneficiaries were selected every year.</p> <p>3. He said that due to holding of double card by one person/family, there is a problem in distributing commodities to the beneficiaries.</p> <p>4. He also said that the main factor of not reaching commodities to the beneficiaries and could not store goods in the FPS is due to heavy deduction by the Underground.</p>	<p>Achievement- Since two years back through the initiative of the local MLA Khangthonang, PDS commodities were received every month. He said that MLA was given his escort in lifting commodities at Imphal. So because of this development people in the Tamenglong town reduced to buy rice in the grocery shop he said.</p> <p>Suggestion- Increased of indent/permit quantity according to the no. of cards is needed he mentioned.</p>
4	P. John AAY and BPL agent	<p>1. The no. of card was increase year by year but indent (quantity) issue by the DC office was based from 1997 population. So the quantity could not distribute to the beneficiaries according to the parameter he said.</p> <p>2. The rice bag not filled in full is another problem he mentioned.</p> <p>3. Irregular in supplying commodities is one of the factor which PDS is not effective in Tamenglong District, Manipur</p>	<p>1. He suggested bringing FCI godown in the Tamenglong Headquarter.</p> <p>2. Regular supply of commodities is needed.</p>
5	G.Gaichuilung AAY agent	<p>1. He said that due to holding of double card by one person/family, there is a problem in distributing commodities to the beneficiaries.</p> <p>2. He also said that the main factor of not reaching commodities to the beneficiaries and could not store goods in the FPS is due to heavy deduction by the Underground.</p>	<p>1. Established FCI godown in the Tamenglong headquarter.</p> <p>2. Regular supply of commodities is needed.</p>
6	Ale of Tamei AAY agent	<p>1. The no. of card was increase year by year but indent (quantity) issue by the DC office was based from 1997 population. So the quantity could not distribute to the beneficiaries according to the parameter he said.</p> <p>2. The rice bag not filled in full is another problem he mentioned.</p>	<p>He suggested bringing FCI godown in the Tamenglong Headquarter.</p>
7	Isaac of Mandeu	<p>1. Road communication is the main problems in which</p>	<p>1. Supplying full quantity according</p>

	BPL agent	commodities could reach to the beneficiaries' villages. 2. He pointed out that people are not handle card in their hands, so he handed commodities to the village authority.	to indent/permit issue to the agents is needed he said. 2.
8	Kariaklung AAY agent	1. He mentioned that due to large areas and road communication problems, he could not bring commodities to the beneficiaries' villages. He proved why he opens FPS at Tamenglong town not in the Tousem block that most of the students of the sub division asked to deliver commodities to them and due the above road communication problems.	1. He suggested bringing FCI godown in the Tamenglong Headquarter. 2. He draw attention to the concerned department that Supplying full quantity according to indent/permit issue to the agents
9	Lungbamrei BPL and APL agent	1. The no. of card was increase year by year but indent (quantity) issue by the DC office was based from 1997 population. So the quantity could not distribute to the beneficiaries according to the parameter he said. 2. He pointed out that no re- imbursement of transport charge by the concerned department is the reason to involve in fixing price by the agents.	1. He suggested bringing FCI godown in the Tamenglong Headquarter. 2. Regular supply of commodities is needed.
10	Gaikhanglung AAY agent	1. The no. of card was increase year by year but indent (quantity) issue by the DC office was based from 1997 population. So the quantity could not distribute to the beneficiaries according to the parameter he said. 2. The rice bag not filled in full is another problem he mentioned.	Supplying full quantity according to indent/permit issue to the agents is needed he said.
11	G. Athuan BPL and APL agent	He also mentioned that the indent quantity is not according to the no. of cards. This is the main factor to distribute less quantity to the beneficiaries he said	1. Increase supplying of quantity according to the parameter 2. Supplying all commodities i.e. Rice, Sk-oil, sugar, salt in the high quality is needed he said?
12	Thuan Gangmei BPL agent	1. The no. of card was increase year by year but indent (quantity) issue by the DC office was based from 1997 population. So the quantity could not distribute to the beneficiaries according to the parameter he said. 2. He pointed out that no re- imbursement of transport charge by the concerned department is the reason to involve in fixing price by the agents.	1. Established FCI godown in the Tamenglong headquarters. 2.Regular supply of commodities is needed.
13	G.Donthaongam Sk-oil sub-dealer	Irregular in supplying commodities is main problem he pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.
14	Jaojianthai Sk-oil sub-dealer	Less quantity received rather than card no is the main challenge he faced pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.
15	Samson Sk-oil sub-dealer	No commission given by the dealer @ Rs. 1500 per month if the commodity is not supply for the month.	Instead of commission to the agent supply commodities in the following is encourage.
16	G. Muning Sk-oil sub-dealer	Irregular in supplying commodities is main problem he pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.
17	Guangturei Sk-oil sub-dealer	Less quantity received rather than card no is the main challenge he pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.
18	Ningreilung Sk-oil sub-dealer	Less quantity received rather than card no is the main challenge he pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.
19	Thuanreiliu Sk-oil sub-dealer	Less quantity received rather than card no is the main challenge he pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.
20	Dinthuiyang Sk-oil sub-dealer	Less quantity received rather than card no is the main challenge he pointed out.	Regular supply of commodities is needed.

8. Photo documentation

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Sl. No.	Name	Address	Card No.
1	Abdullah	Abdullah	2257
2	Abdullah	Abdullah	2258
3	Abdullah	Abdullah	2259
4	Abdullah	Abdullah	2260
5	Abdullah	Abdullah	2261
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44	Abdullah	Abdullah	2300

Stock register of Isaac Tousem block BPL agent

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Interview with Isaac BPL Agent Tousem block



8.3

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (TAMENGLONG)

NOTIFICATION
Tamenlong, the 8th Feb, 2010.

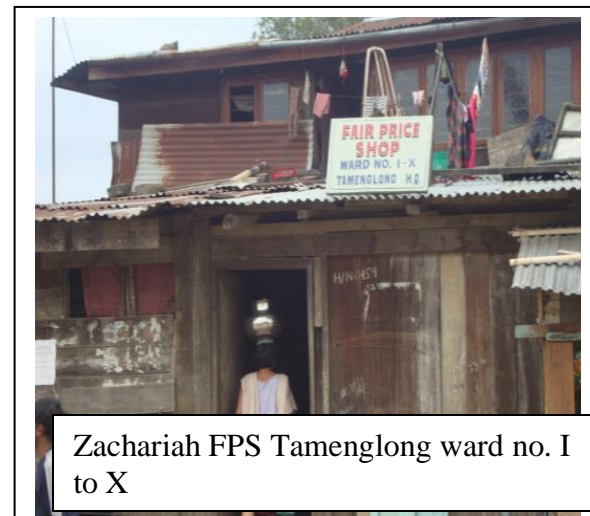
NO. 54/9/AY/2001-FCS(TML): It is hereby informed to all Fair Price Shop Rationing Agent concerned that the AY rice for the month of Jan, Feb and March 2010 should be distributed to beneficiary concerned on production of their original AY R/Cards.

(CONCERNED PARTY),
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (C.A.F. & P.) TML,
for DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (TAMENGLONG)

NO. 54/9/AY/2001-FCS(TML)/ Tamenlong, the 8th Feb, 2010.
Copy to :- 1). The Editor, Dinches News Agency, Tamenlong for publication the above Notice for 2(two) days consecutively.
2). All R/Agents concerned.
3). Notice Board.
4). Guard file.

FCS deptt notification to the FPS agent to collect commodities

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Zachariah FPS Tamenglong ward no. I to X

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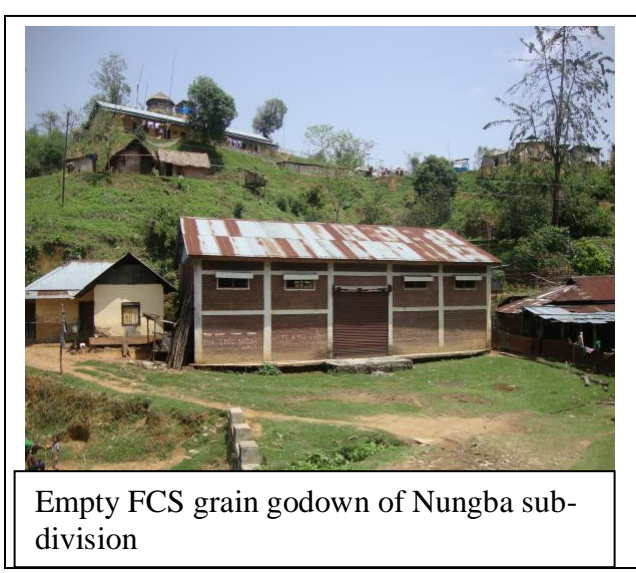
PDS rice of Hukiandi pamei FPS Tharon circle, Tamenglong block

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Interview with AAY beneficiary at Ruangdai village under AAY agent Gaikhanglung Nungba block

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Empty FCS grain godown of Nungba sub-division

9. Stakeholders of PDS and their level of stake analysis

Stakeholder category	Stakeholder name	Interests related to involvement	Level of influence(+ve & -ve/high/medium/low)	Suggested approach for managing stakeholders (consult, meeting, awareness etc.)
Primary stakeholders	Beneficiaries(Cardholders)	Medium	High	Meeting and awareness
Secondary Stakeholders	1.Traditional institutions(Village authority, others People's organization) 2. Civil Society(Zeliangrong Student Union, Zeliangrong Women Union) 3. FPS agents/Sk- oil sub-dealer and MLAs Nominee 4. Religious institutions(Rongmei Naga Baptist Churches Association, catholic Association etc) 5. NGOs (Don Bosco Social Welfare, People's Endeavour for Social change and United NGO Forum Tamenglong etc.)	1. Medium 2. Medium 3. Low 4. Medium High	1.+ve 2. High 3. Low 4. +ve High	1.Consultation 2. Meeting and consultation 3. Consult to change their mindset. 4. Meeting and consultation Ally
Tertiary stakeholders	1.FCS department, Tamenglong 2. Elected Govt.(MLAs)	1. Low 2. Low	1. Low 2. Low	1. Consult to change their mindset. 2. Consult to change their mindset.

10. Case studies- I

Meeting with the District supply officer (DSO), Tamenglong

When I have interaction with the District Supply Officer, Tamenglong A.S. Anagayung, he said that PDS in Tamenglong is needed to be correct. He disclosed the present condition of FCS department, Tamenglong. He said that, as DSO he has no power to do anything in regard of PDS. He further said that he and his office bearer are only bearing the complaint and blaming. He pointed out that Corruption in PDS system is start from the Deputy Commissioner and MLAs.

It is also learned from the reliable source that the quantity allotted for the beneficiaries were receiving less than the allotted quantities.1200 SK-oil kilolitres are allotted. In the same manner these quantities are not reaching for the district he said. Under the Tamenglong district there are altogether four food-grains godown located 500 metric tons at Tamenglong, 200 metric tons at Tousem, Tamei and New Kaiphundai respectively. But no food stuff were being deposited or stored at the said godown except relief rice he mentioned. He expressed displeasure over some individuals and authority hoarding other cards for their benefit end. He further draws attention that one person/family holding double cards also found in many villages. To his surprised till date no individual or authority made complaint to their respective SDO or FCS office.

He requested to open FCI godown at Tamenglong District Headquarter so as to enable the FCI to transport PDS items direct from FCI depot Dimapur/Gauhati to Tamenglong District Headquarter. The PDS items like rice, sugar and Sk- oil etc transported by the FCI department will be quite convenient in lifting and distribution by the FPS rationing agents appointed by Deputy Commissioner without any hindrance in transportation and Public distribution system in this district will be more transparent.

Case studies – II

Net working among like- minded NGOs and civil societies can correct the PDS system.

George, Coordinator Don Bosco Social Welfare, Tamenglong, recount his personal experienced and outcome of their recently held workshop on the PDS, without proper net-working among like-minded NGOs and civil societies it will be difficult to take up corrective measure. Since those involved in the corruption are well net-working from the top to bottom. Lack of fund for organizing different strategy is also one reason to bring tangible change.

Case studies-III

No PDS Fair Price Shops (FCS) in three sub-division of Tamenglong District.

With a network of more than 4.62 lakh fair prices shops, it is said that the PDS in India is the largest distribution network of its kind in the world. But when survey on PDS was carried out in Tamenglong District, it is learned that except four or five fair price shops in the Tamenglong Headquarter there is no FPS in the three sub-divisions (Nungba sub-division, Tousem and Tamei sub-divisions). When I put a question to the agents, why fair price shops cannot open? They answer that irregular supply and heavy demand from U.G cause difficult to open FPS.

Case studies-IV

PDS commodities not reaching to the beneficiaries (especially Tousem, Tamei and Nungba sub-division)

It is learned from the village authority, cardholders/villagers that commodities of PDS are not reaching to the beneficiaries particularly in Tousem, Tamei and Nungba sub- divisions of Tamenglong District, Manipur.

To the utmost surprise, the villagers did not even know what PDS system is and what items they are supposed to get under this scheme or the existence of Fair Price Shop agents and SK oil sub-dealers. However, one Alun Singsit, who is the pastor of Salvation Army of Kaimai Kuki Village and Vice Chairman-ordinating Team (DCT), told that he was once appointed as a PDS agent of his village and he used to provide rice to the villagers 10 years back. But after that, no rice or for that matter no other PDS items like Sugar and SK Oil have been provided to the villagers all these years. As for Rengpang and Nungba I and II, the villagers reportedly received 2 packages (25 kg of rice per package) of rice at the rate of Rs 750.00 under PDS once last year (2009) during the month of March. In respect of SK oil, none of the villages except Oinamlong in Tousem sub-division have been getting it for the last many years.

The village authorities of Tousem sub-division informed that no surveys for classification of families for entitlement of APL, BPL and AAY cards have been conducted.

Case studies-V

Transport system of PDS

According to Isaac BPL agent of Tousem block, lack of proper road communication is the main problem in Tousem sub- division to distribute PDS Items regularly. It is learned from him that he cannot open FPS at the beneficiaries area because unable to transport commodities regularly. He also said that FCS departments not re-imburement of transport charge born by them also one of the main problems.

11. Annexure – 1 List of interview to the beneficiaries.

Sl. No	Name of the outlet/FPS agents/Sk-oil sub-dealer	Name of the cardholder	Address	Card category	Card No.
1	Zachariah BPL agent, Tamenglong ward no. I to X	Mrs. Kiunimliu	Tamenglong ward no. I	AAY	003018
2	-do-	Mrs. Diguanliu	Tamenglong ward no. II	AAY	000477
3	-do-	Mr. Keingambui	Tamenglong ward no. III	AAY	004236
4	-do-	Mr. Keijinang	Tamenglong ward no. X	AAY	088685
5	-do-	Mr. Nanbi	Tamenglong ward no. VI	AAY	003071
6	Lungbamrei BPL agent Nungba circle	Kathanpou	Nungba III	BPL	004617
7	-do-	Gainingdai	Nungba I	BPL	004616
8	-do-	Pougongrei	Nungba II	BPL	004621
9	-do-	Namgaipou	Nungba III	BPL	004608
10	-do-	Isaac	Nungba III	BPL	004611
11	Samson Sk- oil sub dealer	Rangthai	Taodaijang village	AAY	17637
12	-do-	Lungkhangkhon	Taodaijang village	AAY	17638
13	-do-	Gongthangamliu	Taodaijang village	AAY	17639
14	-do-	Latong	Taodaijang village	AAY	17640
15	-do-	Kathanpou	Taodaijang village	APL	004617
16	Gaikhlanglung AAY agent Nungba circle	Jasinglung	Nungba village	AAY	33327
17	-do-	Taraobonliu	Nungba village	AAY	33326
18	-do-	Munailiu	Nungba village	AAY	33329
19	-do-	Machunlung	Nungba village	AAY	33330
20	-do-	Khangluna	Nungba village	AAY	33331
21	G. Muning Sk-oil sub-dealer	Lungampou	Ruangdai village	APL	56489
22	-do-	Phenguiliu	Ruangdai village	APL	56488
23	-do-	G.Reingamlung	Ruangdai village	BPL	004039
24	-do-	Phenrong	Ruangdai village	BPL	001957
25	-do-	Kagakdai	Ruangdai village	AAY	32778
26	Ningreilung Sk-oil sub-dealer	Gainilungliu	Mukti khullen village	APL	12867
27	-do-	Duanilung	Mukti khullen village	APL	12886
28	-do-	K Zadimpou	Mukti khullen village	BPL	32949
29	-do-	Chunchampou	Mukti khullen village	BPL	32605
30	-do-	Ranilung	Mukti khullen village	AAY	32722
31	G.Donthaongam Sk-oil sub-dealer	Kiujeiliu	Nungba village	BPL	001175
32	-do-	Lumthailungliu	Nungba village	BPL	001123
33	-do-	Jasinglung	Nungba village	AAY	33327
34	-do-	Taraobonliu	Nungba village	AAY	33326
35	-do-	Gaikhuandailiu	Nungba village	APL	003892
36	Jaojianthai Sk-oil sub-dealer	Gaithaodimliu	Kambiron village	APL	81114
37	-do-	Dimreilung	Kambiron village	APL	79809
38	-do-	Lungthaogailiu	Kambiron village	BPL	76276
39	-do-	Jalotchungliu	Kambiron village	BPL	76267

40	-do-	Kapangai	Kambiron village	AAY	17623
41	Guangturei Sk-oil sub-dealer	Meiguimei	Nungba II	APL	001160
42	-do-	Lanrilung	Nungba II	APL	004970
43	-do-	Khuluan	Nungba II	BPL	001122
44	-do-	Lungaimai	Nungba II	BPL	001189
45	-do-	Lansingpou	Nungba II	AAY	004963
46	G. Athuan BPL and APL agent	Guangthonrei	Ruangdai village	APL	26869
47	-do-	Ajik	Ruangdai village	APL	26852
48	-do-	Kinguilung	Ruangdai village		
49	-do-	Laokeipou	Ruangdai village	AAY	32781
50	-do-	Gongkinkhon	Ruangdai village	BPL	02235
51	Dinthuiyang Sk-oil sub-dealer	Lanthailung	Khongsang village	APL	81403
52	-do-	Zakhmlung	Khongsang village	APL	33217
53	-do-	Thiureiliu	Khongsang village	APL	33229
54	-do-	Chungbung	Khongsang village	BPL	25184
55	-do-	Namthanlung	Khongsang village	AAY	33396
56	Thuanreiliu Sk-oil sub-dealer	Pantiliu	Rengpang village	BPL	32733
57	-do-	Jangthuanpou	Rengpang village	BPL	32730
58	-do-	Ludinlungliu	Rengpang village	BPL	32732
59	-do-	Kinthai	Rengpang village	BPL	32734
60	-do-	Lumdailung	Rengpang village	BPL	32731
61	Thuan Gangmei BPL agent	Gongthangamliu	Taodaijang village	AAY	17639
62	-do-	Latong	Taodaijang village	AAY	17640
63	-do-	Gaithaorei	Taodaijang village	BPL	76155
64	-do-	Naohapou	Taodaijang village	BPL	76167
65	-do-	Dindupou	Taodaijang village	BPL	76156
66	Kariaklung AAY agent	Ningbam	Azuram village	AAY	20644
67	-do-	Karamlanpou	Thiulon village	AAY	7301
68	-do-	Ramding	Kaimai village	AAY	32492
69	-do-	Hilakpou	Kaimai village	AAY	32493
70	-do-	Idinang	Taningjam village	AAY	7347
71	Isaac of Mandeu BPL agent	Misuang	Tousem village	BPL	33868
72	-do-	Lilang	Tousem village	BPL	33872
73	-do-	Hainimang	Tousem village	BPL	20565
74	-do-	Chaganang	Chingkao village	BPL	33550
75	-do-	Chingbuanang	Thiulon village	BPL	33897
76	G.Gaichuilung AAY agent	Moses	Tamenglong ward no. VII	AAY	7153
77	-do-	Kiuphunang	Tamenglong ward no. III	AAY	17468
78	-do-	Kalaona	Tamenglong ward no. V	AAY	33144
79	-do-	Sangbuanliu	Tamenglong ward no. II	AAY	7114
80	-do-	Pouduangai	Tamenglong ward no. II	AAY	7594
81	P. John AAY and BPL agent	Kasiangailiu	Awangkhol village	AAY	003422

82	-do-	Tasingliu	Awangkhol village	AAV	003416
83	-do-	Jaojianlung	Awangkhol village	AAV	003459
84	-do-	Poujanguangpou	Awangkhol village	BPL	003433
85	-do-	Poulinlung	Awangkhol village	APL	003462
86	Hukiandi pamei, AAV and BPL agent	Kiliagui	Duiluan village	BPL	32993
87	-do-	Thuanbuiliu	Phallong village	BPL	21557
88	-do-	Anoping	Dailong village	AAV	33249
89	-do-	Guidonliu	Sonram village	AAV	7182
90	-do-	Kimbonang	Duiluan village	AAV	7072
91	Ale of Tamei AAV agent	Japatlung	Sonram part II	AAV	17344
92	-do-	Chingkhulan	Sonram part II	AAV	17349
93	-do-	Maneiliu	Sonram part II	AAV	17350
94	-do-	Diponliu	Sonram part II	AAV	17342
95	-do-	Gaithuigongliu	Sonram part II	AAV	17335
96	K.Daikham AAV, BPL and APL agent	Thaingampou	Taobam village	BPL	001344
97	-do-	Huripou	Taobam village	APL	001349
98	-do-	Disinrei	Taobam village	APL	001516
99	-do-	Majalan	Taobam village	BPL	001517
100	-do-	Keikhonang	Taobam village	APL	001323

12. Minutes of Focus Group Discussion (FGD) held on 4th May 2010

A meeting of village's communities' leaders, FPS agents/Sk-oil dealers and the IGSSS PEARL partner on Focus Group Discussion was held on 4th May 2010, at Village authority office Nungba, to discuss the following agenda items:

- To understand the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) in Tamenglong District, Manipur.
- To understand achievements and challenges of FPS agents/Sk-sub-dealers and to all the beneficiaries.
- To collect fact information of the involvements of traditional village institutions (village authorities), FPS agents and civil societies in the PDS.
- To take up concrete step for further improvements of PDS in Tamenglong

Participants

The member present comprise of various stakeholders. They include Village authorities, ration agents, Pastors, Student union leaders, SHG leaders, Nungba area women union leaders, cardholders and the social workers. There are altogether 30 members attend at the meeting.

Process of the Discussion

The meeting began with a warm welcome by Dimgong Rongmei Director PESCH and introduction on the agenda by Mr. Namkhinlung pamei field researcher on PDS, Tamenglong. The discussion was a complete participatory manner. Each of them is invited to ascribe their views on functioning system of PDS.

Mention below is among the informers who gave their remarks during the discussion.

- Dimgong Rongmei, Director, PESCH – Welcoming the participants and highlighted the purpose of the discussion to the participants. He draws attention to the participants to stop blaming to each other but suggest helping each other practical problems. He

also shares about global trend of development particularly which will affect the food security and ultimately the livelihood of the people.

- Monica co- researcher on PDS, Manipur – She briefing the objective of the action research on PDS, Manipur. She also shares that beneficiaries and common people of Manipur hilly districts are not even aware of the PDS Items, functioning and its components.
- Gaikhanglung AAY agent Nungba circle- He mentioned the practical problems of agents that no. of beneficiaries were increase year by year but the indent/permit quantity issue to the agents by the Govt. was based on 1997 population.
- G. Muning SK- oil agent Ruangdai village –He said that supply of PDS Items is irregular in which he received Sk- oil only for eight months from April 2009 to March 2010.
- Dimthaorei village authority secretary Nungba – He expressed his view that correction in the beneficiaries’ selection is needed. Who is the APL agent in Nungba area still searching he mentioned. He pointed out that still from January to march entitlements is not distributed to the cardholders.
- G. Manlak VDC president Rengpang village –He said that from the DC office 50/50 percent for selection of PDS categories was sending to the village authorities.
- Samson Sk- oil sub-dealer Bwanruang village –He mentioned that he distributed PDS Items in the house wise according to the concerned of the village authority. Deposit is regular but quantity supply to him is irregular in which only 4/5 months quantity were received he said.
- Darasingh Village authority members Bwanruang village – He said supply of PDS rice is irregular. Sugar is not received since from 1997 he mentioned.
- Ashin kamei, Secretary Nungba area women welfare organization –Sharing her view at the meeting, their organization will extend full cooperation in correcting PDS. She also lamented that the rate of rice and kerosene are sold nearly the same rate at the open market price. This gives no benefit to the card holders. She pointed out that if at all comes within no times (2-3 days) the rice will sell off.

Photo of the Meeting

Welcoming and address the key point of the discussion by Dimgong Director, PESCH



14. Conclusion

During the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) it is found that PDS is being functioning ineffectively, hardly benefiting the targeted beneficiaries. Out of the four sub-divisions in Tamenglong district only the Tamenglong sub-division is functioning comparatively better. The three interiors sub-divisions i.e. Tamei, Tousem and Nungba received rice/kerosene once or twice in a year. Even in such a case, they received much lesser quantity at higher price. In order to rectify the deep rooted corruption system of PDS; one organization or individual alone cannot be possible. We need broad-based organizations and better net-working amongst individuals and organizations, so that we can bring positive change in PDS. However, proper awareness among the community members might be the key to sustain the proper system of PDS.

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